

MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

REGION 4AA

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MINUTES OF REGION 4AA COMMITTEE

September 20, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Kraft, Kristine Schaefer, Jim Young, John Pohl, Andrea Schmidt, Jesse McCann, Brian Peloquin, Jamil Payton, Aaron Hammerman, Tim Coleman, Jenny Patrek, Denarvise Thornton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There was a motion by Jim Young seconded by Jesse McCann to accept the agenda.

MOTION APPROVED

WELCOME TO THE NEW COMMITTEE MAMBERS:

Kristine Schaefer, John Pohl, Jamil Payton, Jenny Patrek, Tim Coleman, Norm Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion by Tim Coleman seconded by John Pohl to accept the minutes of August 17, 2023. **MOTION APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR:

The committee was provided with copies of bank statements for the months of August 2023. This included deposits and debits and a copy of the checkbook register. John Pohl made a motion to authorize payments for the period presented, Jesse McCann seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS

MSHSL Rep Denarvise Thornton presented the following items.

- **Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging** – Reviewing current policies may be done through this avenue.
- Seeding for State Tournaments – A committee has been formed to review the possibility of changing the method of seeding for all state tournaments.
- The board is looking at the possibility of including 9th graders with the MSHSL sponsored activities. The potential problem with that is it would increase the cost of catastrophic insurance.
- The Boys Volleyball task force is meeting tomorrow (/9/21) to provide a recommendation to the BOD.

UPDATE OF THE 2024 SPRING ADVISORY PROPOSALS

- Secretary Whisler reviewed the votes from last month's meeting.

PREPERATIONS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

- **Review of 2023-24 Handbook**
 - Secretary Whisler reviewed the 2023-24 Region 4AA Handbook. A motion was made by Kristine Schaefer and seconded by Matt Kraft to approve the update handbook. **MOTION APPROVED**
- **Region 4AA Administrative Passes**
 - Secretary Whisler presented the updated Region 4AA Administrative passes. Each school will receive 12 seasonal passes. A motion was made by Tim Coleman and seconded by Jamil Payton to approve payment for the printing of these passes. **MOTION APPROVED**
- **Fine Arts Update**
 - Music – Music rep, Aaron Hammerman stated the current calendar of events is accurate and that we are still looking to find 2 sites for instrumental contests. Aaron also added the need to get more registered judges. Secretary Whisler reviewed both items with all of the Region 4AA Activities Directors.

- Speech/Debate -Fine Arts rep, Tim Coleman indicated there are no updates at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Auditor Update** – Secretary Whisler delivered the audit box to the MSHSL office. He is hoping it will not take as long as it did last year to get the auditor’s report.
- **State Boys Hockey Tournament** – The region can purchase ticket packages for the Boys State Hockey Tournament. Any committee members interested should contact Secretary Whisler within the next couple of weeks.
- **Region Printer/Copier** - The current region printer/copier will need to get replaced soon. A motion was made by Matt Kraft and seconded by Brian Peloquin to approve the purchase of a new one when needed.

MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

- There was a motion made by Jim Young seconded by John Pohl for adjournment.

MOTION APPROVED

- **Next Meeting** – November 15, 2023 - Committee/10:30